

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
Office of the Secretary
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Secretary Dortch:

I urge you to continue your efforts to give a green light to LightSquared, a Virginia-based wireless company that plans to introduce high-speed wireless service that reaches all Americans. You and the FCC have acted evenhandedly to date in the face of the pressures to stifle competition.

By combining satellite and terrestrial networks, LightSquared's service would serve 260 million Americans. In rural areas, many of our countrymen would be able to access high-speed Internet for the first time. The satellite component of the network would be of great benefit to fire, police, ambulance and rescue workers, because they would retain Internet access during power outages.

Illinois needs this new network. Demand for wireless broadband is rising exponentially, but capacity is increasing only slowly. Without more supply, the demand will eventually overwhelm the current infrastructure, causing slower download speeds, dropped calls and other problems.

I understand that LightSquared's signal may cause some interference issues with GPS receivers, but that a group of engineers is working on the problem. I hope you will support their efforts and do everything in your power to make it possible for LightSquared to move forward with dispatch.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

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